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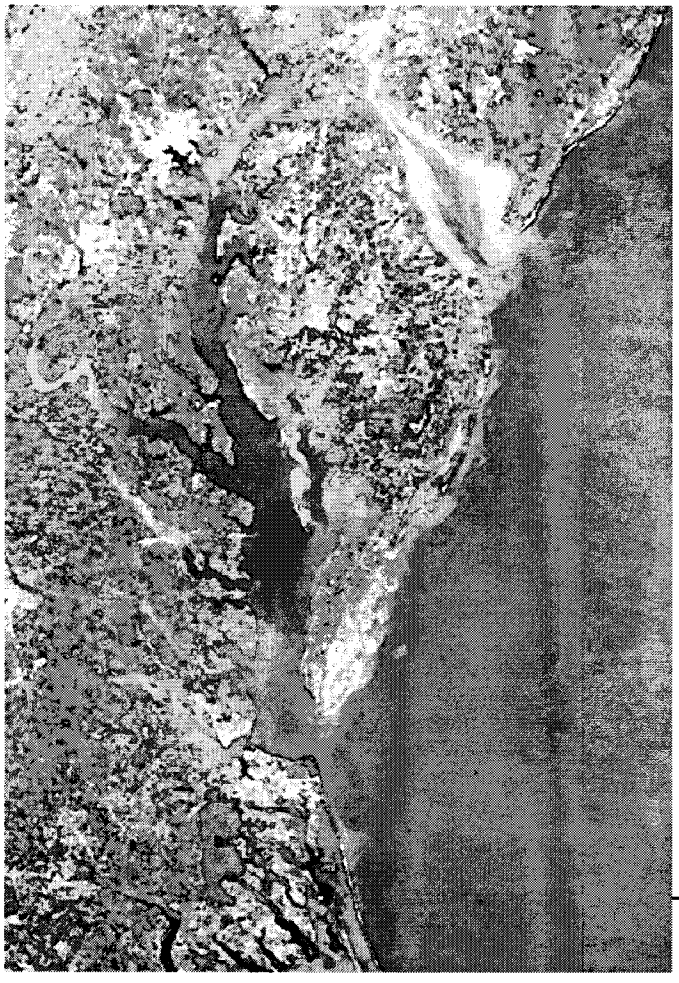
Gilchrest Sponsors Funding For Digital History Project

The Hon. Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD) paved the way for the Nabb Research Center to receive a $266,000 federal appropriation for its ambitious digital history project, *American Origins*, which will create a Web site in an electronic archive of great potential for teaching and learning of history for students and life long learners alike. Under the auspices of Congressman Gilchrest, federal funds were allocated for a two year period to create the infrastructure at the Nabb Research Center to provide for equipment, software purchases and professional staffing to embark upon the project by which the Center's concentrated holdings in Delmarva history ultimately will be accessible to students and researchers on the Internet in the Center's goal to make a national impact on humanities education through the Web.

With its mixture of European, African-American and Native-American inhabitants, the collections and resources collected and housed at the Nabb Research Center speak to a regional significance of the Delmarva Peninsula and its contributions to United States history. Currently, little research has been published or is widely available to the general public and no research is available that treats the Delmarva Peninsula as a cultural and historical unit. It is the Nabb Research Center's intent to link data taken from wills, inventories, tax lists, parish records, land records and court records with tract maps of the early settlement areas in old Somerset County, which will allow researchers to discern patterns, reveal trends and distributions, and offer new insights into the study of the region and its peoples. These historical resources, when catalogued and presented in an accessible format on the Internet, will provide the historical data for a variety of audiences. Students, scholars, family historians, archaeologists, public planners and heritage preservationists will be able to make use of the site to obtain and analyze a wide variety of primary source materials.



American Origins will serve as the basis for the Nabb Research Center's activities for the next 10 years, strengthening its position as an academic research laboratory for University students and ultimately will:

- Provide all researchers better access to the research materials of the Nabb Research Center in an easy-to-use searchable context
- Serve as a resource to the public for documents, monographs, photographs and archival collections for research needs
- Provide unique maps of political districts contained within colonial settlement of "hundreds" in old Somerset County as well as Northampton and Accomack counties in Virginia with overlays of historical data
- Provide automated systems, staff expertise and service facilities to serve the various Nabb Research Center constituencies
- Serve as a resource to the regional public schools by providing source materials for the student of local history
- Increase collaboration with local heritage and community preservation groups offering the opportunity to promote heritage tourism
- Serve as a basis for establishing workshops for researchers, educators and education major students to increase their skills in teaching with primary historical documents
- Increase opportunities for students to perform primary research and participate in Maryland and National History days using the research materials
- Provide online displays exhibiting heritage materials

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The method by which the Nabb Research Center will arrange its research will utilize Geographic Information Systems ("GIS") technology in the presentation of digital images of tract maps created with DeedMapper software. Through the use of GIS and its component software, corresponding primary documents will be associated with land patents in layers of data. The primary documents will be transcribed from microfilm copies and entered into the software, thus creating a complex database of information that may be queried. By tracking settlement, identifying community networks and determining subsequent migration, it will be possible to draw a more focused picture of what society on the Shore was truly like. These conclusions, in turn, might very well transform interpretation of the Greater Chesapeake region.

Center supporter John Lyon of Columbia, MD, is an integral part of our project. Through his generous collaboration with us, Lyon is allowing the Nabb Research Center access to his mammoth database of the old Somerset land patents and resulting tract mapping which has been a decade in production. This exciting collaboration means that the Center will be able to take a "quantum leap" toward its goal of associating historical data geographically. These tract maps are sure to become well known to historians as the "Lyon Maps" and will supersede previous attempts at tract mapping on the Lower Shore.

Ultimately, the *American Origins* initiative will provide Internet access to digital versions of the Nabb Research Center's traditional archival collection of materials. As we progress forward from colonial settlement to more modern times, the rich collection of original documents, letters, diaries, photographs and ephemera, as well as newspaper text, will be incorporated into the database. Our unique approach of the combination of using tract maps combined with GIS mapping layering and historical data is innovative and will allow study of the Peninsula as has never before been achieved.

Without the support of Congressman Gilchrest, the collaboration with Lyon, the continuing support of Nabb Research Center members and donors of historical materials, this initiative would be but a dream. Sincere thanks to all of our supporters for bringing this exciting initiative to its infant stage.

Please see the related article on the exciting addition of new staff members courtesy of the Gilchrest appropriation, which is administered by the Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS), and the related article on digital mapping.

You may participate in our project by sponsoring a colonial settler. Please see the related article below or our Web site at http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu to join us as we discover *American Origins*.

Sponsor a Settler!

Are you interested in obtaining copies of wills and inventories on colonial ancestors from Maryland? For a sponsorship fee of $50 per ancestor, you can be part of the great awakening of Delmarva history! We will provide the sponsor a paper or digital copy of the will and inventory, plus a transcribed copy! Additionally, your name will be listed in the *Shoreline* newsletter and on our Web site as a sponsor of the project. The transcription of the settler's wills and inventories is being done as part of the Nabb Research Center's digital history project, *American Origins*. While we have been fortunate to obtain federal funding for part of the initiative, private support is still needed.

The initial area of focus will be the neck of land in Somerset County between the Wicomico River and Monie, a.k.a. Hungary Neck, a.k.a. Mt. Vernon; however, sponsorship is available for any settler (or descendant) of old Somerset County up to the year 1750. A 20 percent discount is available for sponsorship of the following individuals: Charles Ballard*, Benjamin Cottman*, Nehemiah Covington Sr., Nehemiah Covington Jr., Philip Covington, Thomas Covington, Betty Gale, Henry Hayman*, Thomas Hobbs, Thomas Holbrook, Cornelius Johnson, Daniel Jones*, William Jones, Richard Kimball, John Rencher, Thomas Rencher, Francis Roberts*, William Robertson, Thomas Walker, Thomas Row, William Stevens, William Thorne, John Westlock, John White.

To sponsor an individual, simply mail a check payable to SU Foundation Inc. addressed to Becky Miller, Nabb Research Center, 1101 Camden Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801 in the amount of $50, indicating in the memo portion the name of the ancestor and approximate death date.

*no will, patent substitution

Digital Mapping of the Lower Shore:

Historical Maps Using 21st Century Technology

As indicated in our lead article, the Nabb Research Center has embarked on a new project to digitize maps then link these maps with other historical data such as wills and inventories, to offer new historical insights into Delmarva's past. But, what exactly is digital mapping? Traditionally, maps are flat, two-dimensional objects that contain certain amounts of information. Every map has a theme and is designed for a specific purpose. Maps can be drawn to show highways, political and cultural divisions, or even trolling areas for fishing. A map's cartographic design, or the arrangement of the title, legend, scale or the feature itself, is very important. Too much information can "clutter" a map, thus losing the reader's attention. With the use of GIS (Geographical Information Systems) technology, any number of elements may be added to a map with little distortion of its view.

There is no clear definition for GIS. One book defines it as "an organized collection of computer hardware, software, geographic data and personnel designed to efficiently capture, store, update, manipulate, analyze and display all forms of geographically referenced information." In simplistic terms, GIS is a mapping science that provides a number of functions. One, it manages spatial data. This so-called "view" takes into account the map's scale and projection. Second, it manages non-spatial data called the "attribute table," which conducts querying and statistical operations. Finally, it displays spatial information in graphic format. The "layout" is the graphic output of maps and charts. Each map theme is called a "layer" (or coverage), which must be digitized into the software. A layer can represent roads, vegetation, land tracts, or population centers (cities and towns). The beauty of GIS is that it allows accessibility to multiple themes at any one time. For example, one can overlay a current highway map with a land tract map to see how roads cut across old land patents or a vegetation map with a land tract map to see what plants grew on that particular tract. If too much information is added to GIS it will allow coverage to change with the click of a button. With traditional maps, time and money can be lost when one has to redraw maps by hand. GIS allows you to combine the appropriate coverages you want with the click of a button. The use of digital mapping is simple, quick and can generate large amounts of information.

The *American Origins* pilot project will include the digitization of the land patents for Hungary Neck, or the Mount Vernon Election District. Eventually, the goal will be the digitization of the entire lower Eastern Shore. Maps created by John Lyon with DeedMapper, a software program for mapping, will be used as the building blocks for future coverages. Each land tract will be linked to a table that will provide data for that particular tract. Information would include the name of the tract, the number of acreage, the name of the patentees with the date and the rent. With the use of hotlinks, transcripts of probated records such as wills or inventories of persons associated with the appropriate tract may be accessed. This project will reconstruct the histories of past individuals and thus the region, through the use of records (public and personal). In the future, the project will be expanded to include tax lists, census records, the *1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, and materials from the collection of the Nabb Research Center.

Nabbian Dream Team

The Nabb Research Center is pleased to announce the addition of several new staff members which has been made possible through the federal appropriation sponsored by Congressman Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD) and administered by the Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS).

Creston ("Cres") S. Long joined the staff as a project historian. He will be working on a wide range of projects, including the oversight of the *American Origins* initiative. Cres received his M.A. from Wake Forest University in 1997 and did his doctoral work at the College of William and Mary. He is finalizing his dissertation on the 18th century migration of settlers from the mid-Atlantic region to the South and will defend his work in December. An Eastern Shore native, Cres resides in Salisbury with his wife and young son.

Rebecca ("Becca") Brooks began her work as the Nabb Research Center's archivist in July. Becca will be working on the cataloguing and preservation of the Nabb Research Center's vast document and material culture collections. In spring 2001, Becca received her masters degree in library and information science from the University of Texas at Austin. She attended SU as an undergraduate receiving her B.S. in 1998 as a geography major. Becca is glad to be living back on the Shore where she can be near the beach.

Two of the Nabb Research Center's former graduate assistants, T. Aaron Horner and Jill Nock Jeffery, have accepted staff positions at the facility. Aaron, who is a Deal Island native, will be working as a GIS technician on the *American Origins* project. For more information on GIS, see the above article about digital mapping. Aaron received his B.S. in geography from SU in 1996 and is working on his M.A. in the history program at SU. Jill graduated from SU in 1987 and will complete her M.A. in history at SU this fall. Jill will be working on several projects at the Nabb Research Center. She has spent the past few months transcribing wills and inventories of Somerset County residents for the *American Origins* project. Look for Jill's article on 17th century Accomac County settler, Henry Smith, in the upcoming edition of the *Shore Historian*.

From left, Becca Brooks, Jill Jeffery, Aaron Horner, Creston Long

Farewell...

We would like to wish a fond farewell to Corinne Les Callette. Corinne had been a research assistant at the Nabb Research Center for over three years when she decided to leave to pursue other interests. Corinne is known throughout the local community for her many good works, including her past association with the Wicomico County Board of Education and her current work as chair of the Wicomico County Planning Commission. She is also the widow of Dr. Millard G. Les Callette, a beloved professor of history at SU. Corinne will be greatly missed by staff and patrons alike, and we wish her well in all of her future endeavors.

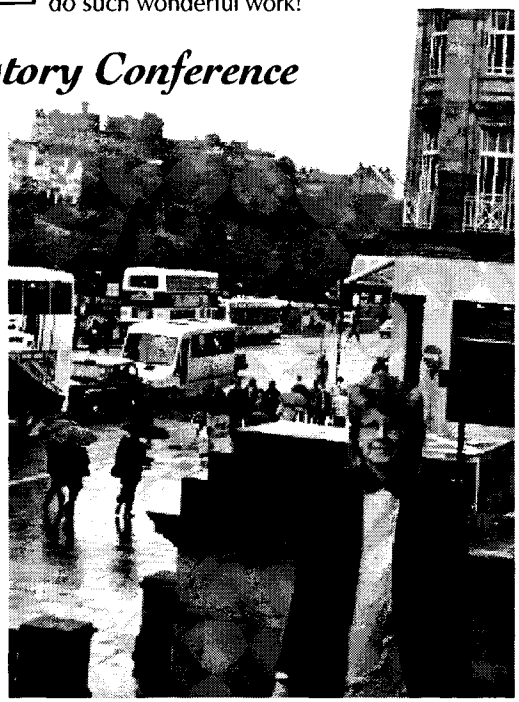
Volunteers in the Spotlight

Did you see the recent Salisbury *Daily Times* article featuring Nabb Research Center Volunteer Pat Taylor? Taylor and the Nabb Research Center were featured in Mitzi Perdue's column "People Helping People" in the July 8 issue. Way to go Pat! We have also been seeing a lot of Joan Barnhart around the Nabb Research Center. Barnhart is diligently transcribing our recently acquired microfilms of various church records from the Deal Island charge from 1875-1985. We appreciate all her hard work. Thanks to Nabb Research Center Volunteer Lloyd Whitehead for contributing an interesting and informative article about the Maryland courts to the newsletter this quarter. Thanks also to member John V. Dennis for his article for our "Disappearing Delmarva" feature. Jane West is doing data input for *American Origins* and Polly Batchelder continues work on the Matthew Wise Collection. As always, a heartfelt thanks to all of the Nabb Research Center volunteers who do such wonderful work!

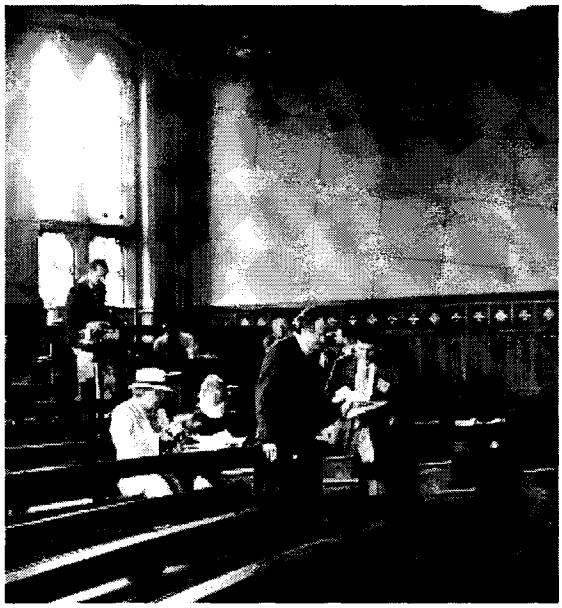
Director Attends Early American History Conference

Nabb Research Center Director Becky Miller, SU History Department Chair and Nabb Research Center Board Vice Chair Ray Thompson, and Nabb Research Center Board Member Tom Fooks, recently returned from the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture's Annual Conference held in Glasgow, Scotland, in July. The international conference, which included over 50 sessions and three workshops, was held in such historic sites as the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, the University of Glasgow and the University of Stirling.

Of course, the highlight of the trip for Miller and Thompson was the time they spent at the Record Office of Edinburgh. They discovered several interesting connections in the limited time available for research at the Scottish archives but hope to return for further research. Miller and Thompson were able to attend the conference through a generous donation made by the Fair Play Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Wilmington, DE.



Miller in front of the Scottish Record Office with Edinburgh Castle in the background.

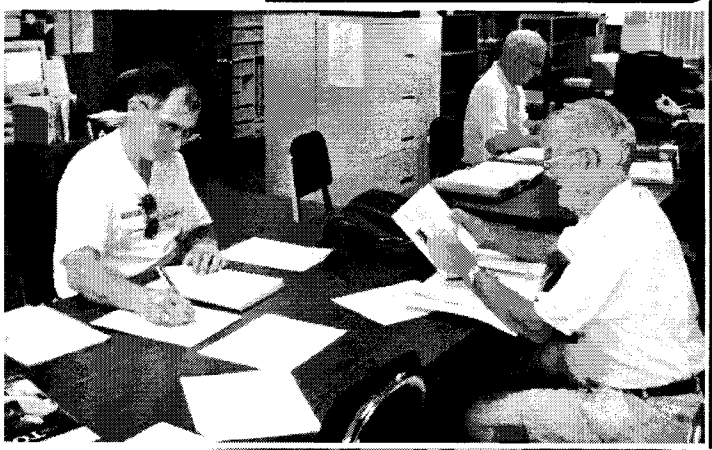


Lois Green Carr (seated), noted Maryland historian, Thompson and Fooks (standing) in a classroom at the University of Glasgow. Note the beautiful 19th century wood paneling, which had interesting memorials written in the triangular tiles.

Recent Nabb Research Center Visitors

Rosemary Truitt from the Wicomico County Library recently visited the Nabb Research Center bringing the latest in a series of donations from the county library's collections.

Member Carolyn Ballou, formerly of Marshall, VA, is building a home in Wicomico County to be nearer to her roots.



In July, Barbara Fox and Melinda Gordy Corporon came all the way from Oklahoma to visit the Nabb Research Center while researching their Gordy family genealogy.

Above, *Ralph Willing of Manchester, CT, and Paul Willing of Catonsville, MD, participated in Cemtrek 2001.*

Shari Handley, organizer of Cemtrek 2001, visited the Nabb Research Center with her Internet-based, multi-state group on August 7. Cemtrekers made the pilgrimage to the Nabb Research Center from as far away as Hawaii to attend the annual heritage quest.

Gail Luffman Boynton of Corpus Christi, TX, recently visited the Nabb Research Center to work on her Webster, Crippen, Harrison and Luffman genealogies.

Equity Courts in Maryland

by Lloyd O. Whitehead

In the pursuit of historical and genealogical information, the researcher may find the records of the Equity or Chancery Courts of Maryland a rich source of data. These courts were a function of the Circuit Courts of Maryland in existence in each county and Baltimore City. Equity Courts were merged with law courts on July 1, 1984, and thereafter the records for equity type cases are numbered sequentially with law cases and are not recorded separately as they were previously.

Equity cases originated in English law in approximately the 1500s to address problems for which there was not other legal remedy. The purpose of the Equity Courts was to exercise the conscience of the king or queen when there was no prescribed writ or cause of action to bring a defendant into the Law Court for monetary damages. The judges of the Equity Court were called chancellors and the courts were called Chancery Courts. Unlike the Law Courts, no right to jury trials exists in the Equity Courts. After the Revolution, the courts developed in many of the former English colonies such as Maryland and appear with different names in other states.

The Equity Courts were used to decide cases such as land partition suits in which all owners of legal interests in the real estate must be named. The petitioner must recite to the court the property sought to be divided (partitioned) or sold by a trustee in lieu of partition. Those individuals must be served a summons or notified by the suit by publication to be given an opportunity to protect their interests. This type of legal proceeding is valuable to genealogists because the petitioner must account to the court for all outstanding shares of the land which is the subject of the suit. The land of a person dying intestate (without a will) prior to January 1, 1970, descended automatically to the heirs at law of the deceased landowner without a new deed being made for the property and without an estate being opened. Real property owned by a deceased who died testate (with a will) passed to the devisees of the real estate named in the will without the necessity of a new deed. However, the research will find real estate in Maryland reported in the Orphan's Court proceedings between March 16, 1935, and December 31, 1969, because an inheritance tax was imposed on real estate during that period and the real estate had to be appraised in order to asses the tax. For those persons dying on or after January 1, 1970, all property of the deceased, both real and personal, became the property of the personal representative of the estate of the deceased (formerly referred to as the executor or administrator of the estate) and passes by deed from the personal representative to the devisees named in the will of a deceased who died testate or the heirs at law of a deceased dying intestate.

In most equity cases, including those for sale in lieu of partition of real estate, testimony was taken and you will find a copy of it in the equity file for the case in the Circuit Court and also in the equity record book where key portions of the proceedings are recorded. The testimonies sometime give clues as to what happened to portions of the family who seem to be missing and sometime about the deceased and the circumstances of his or her death. Occasionally, in the 1800s, the researcher will find references to a child of the deceased who has "gone west" in one of the great migrations of that period.

Any person could be a plaintiff or petitioner in the Equity Court except an alien enemy, who was not eligible to use the process of our courts. Suits brought on behalf of an infant (until recently a person under 21 years of age) must be brought by his guardian or next friend. "Next friend" is a legal term and does not necessarily have to be a relative. Suits brought on behalf of a lunatic must be brought by his committee or next friend. These functionaries were usually family members or sometimes the family lawyer. Married women formerly sued by next friend and when they were named as a defendant, it was necessary to join her husband as a defendant in the case. However, since 1898, married women could sue or be sued in their own name as if they were unmarried. Each of these types of legal events can give a clue to the family status of litigants in the Equity Courts and the testimony in the case itself can be enlightening to the researcher.

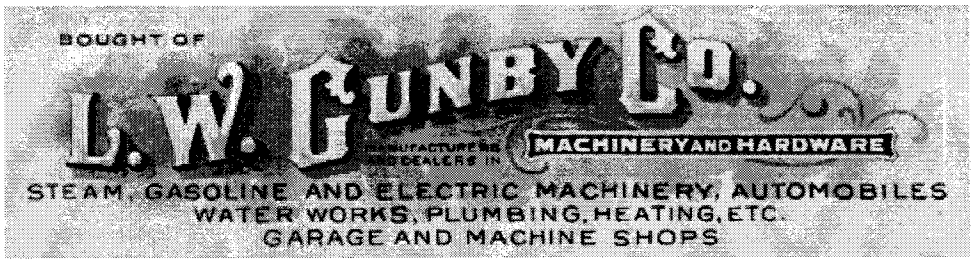
Some other types of cases which are found in the Equity Court records are as follows:

1. CREDITORS BILLS - By the Act of 1785, when a person died leaving real estate and insufficient personal property to the pay his debts, the court, in a suit brought by any creditor, could order the real estate sold in an amount sufficient to pay his debts. By later statutes, the Orphan's Court had the same authority subject to certain monetary limitations, thus making it necessary for the researcher to check the records of both courts.
2. DIVORCE ACTIONS - The Maryland Constitution of 1851 took the power to grant divorces from the legislature and gave it to the Equity Courts of Maryland. Prior to that event, the legislature granted the divorces upon legislative petitions of the applicants except in a few cases provided for in the Acts of 1841 and 1844, which the legislature authorized the Equity Courts to hear. Divorce is not part of the historic jurisdiction of the Equity Courts as they have developed in English or Maryland law but began as a legislative assignment to the courts to handle that type of problem.
3. DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIPS - These cases sometime provide interesting information concerning mercantile and trade practices of the era, particularly credit practices, capitalization of businesses, finance and other business matters.

4. INJUNCTIONS - The Law Courts could not command a person to cease doing any act but could only asses monetary damages. The Equity Court had the ability to command a person to refrain from continuing to do something which aggrieved the petitioner. These suits sometime can be helpful to the researcher when attempting to find out why there have always seemingly been bad feelings between neighboring families but no one alive remembers the reason.
5. SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE - These suits are brought to force a person to carry out or execute his contract concerning real estate or under very limited circumstances, personal property if it can be shown that is unique (for example, a piece of art).
6. MORTGAGE OR DEED OF TRUST FORECLOSURES - No testimony is usually taken in these proceedings as the power of sale is usually contained in the instrument itself filed in the proceedings.
7. TAX SALE FORECLOSURES - The Equity Court acquired jurisdiction to foreclose on tax sales in the early 1940s. Prior to that date, the tax sale procedure was in the Law Courts and will be found in the judicial record books of the Circuit Courts where the real estate is located.

8. ADOPTION - These records are sealed by court order in Maryland and are not generally available to the public or even to the parties once they are sealed. If access can be obtained from the court, those records reveal the name of the birth parents, birth name of the person being adopted, birth date, place of birth, and usually will contain a consent to the adoption by the birth parents or some procedure whereby their rights are foreclosed from being asserted in the future. Once an adoption decree is signed by the judge and recorded in the court, the state of birth will issue a new birth certificate for the child showing the adopted parents in lieu of the birth parents and also reflecting the adopted name of the child.

Following over 25 years in private law practice, Judge Lloyd Whitehead has served as a judge on the District Court of Maryland for the past 11 years. An Eastern Shore native, Whitehead is a member and volunteer at the Nabb Research Center.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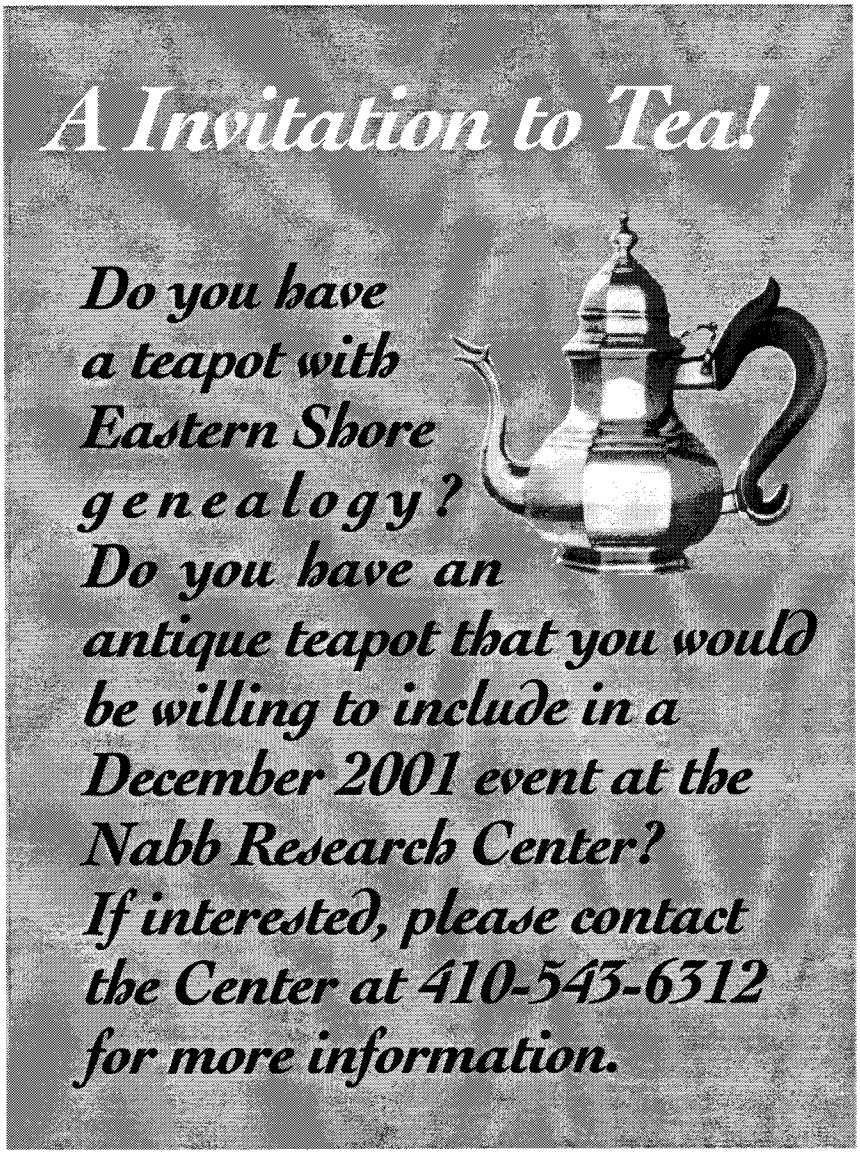
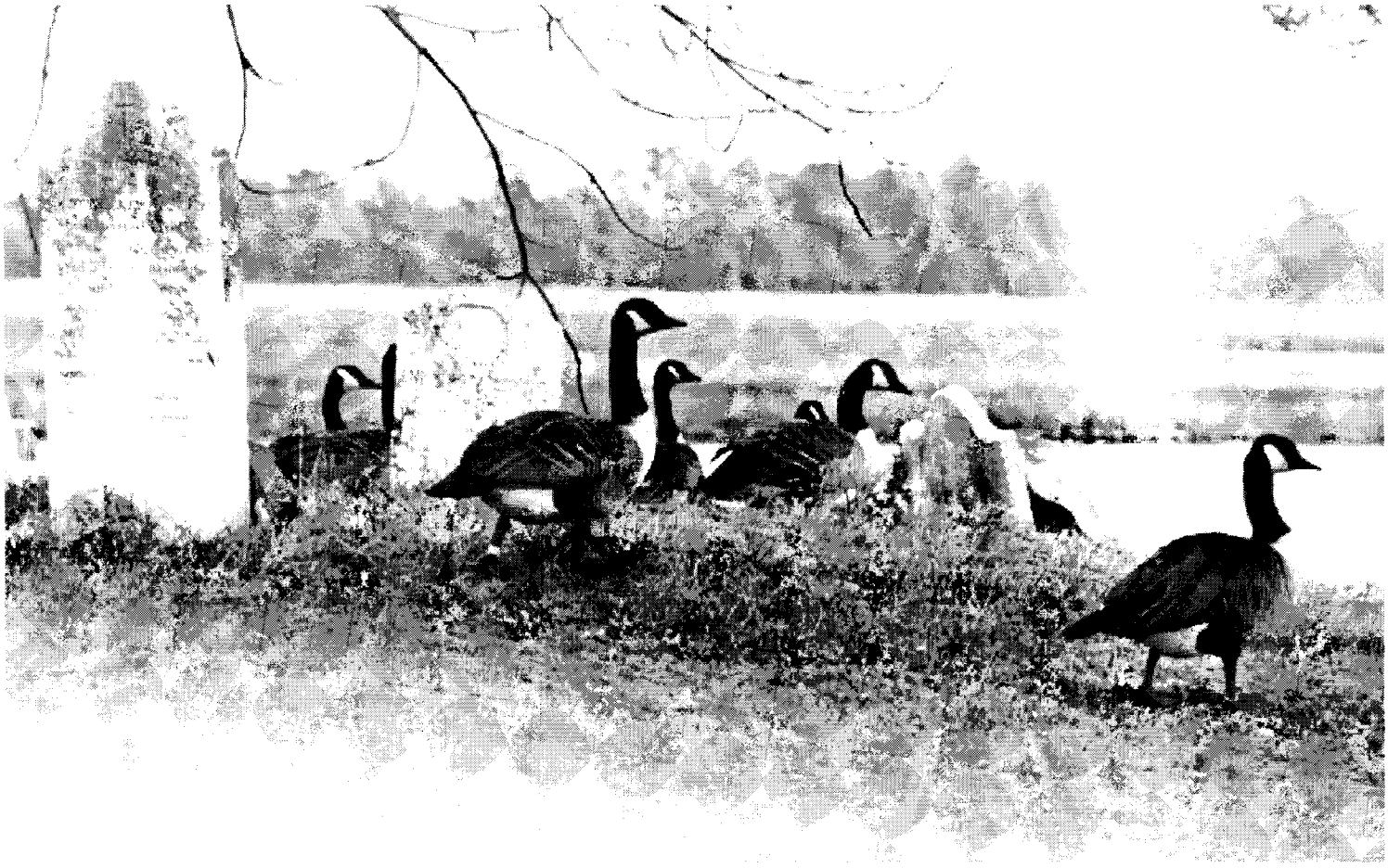
Gunby Collection

The Nabb Research Center recently received the business records of the L.W. Gunby Company later the Gunby Nash Motor Company (1904-1951). The business was conducted under the firm name of L.W. Gunby until 1903 when it was incorporated as the L.W. Gunby Company. This enterprise owned by the Gunby family was founded by L.W. Gunby of Forktown, Somerset County, now known as Fruitland. Gunby laid the foundation for the company which bears his name in 1867. This material was donated to the Nabb Research Center by Neil Keddie. The Center already owned a small display case from the L.W. Gunby department store, formerly in downtown Salisbury.


A Invitation to Tea!
Do you have a teapot with Eastern Shore genealogy?
Do you have an antique teapot that you would be willing to include in a December 2001 event at the Nabb Research Center?
If interested, please contact the Center at 410-543-6312 for more information.



Geese at Long Hill, Wetipquin. Photograph from the Orlando Wootten Collection, Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture

Keeping Nuisance Birds Under Control In and Around Princess Anne

by John V. Dennis

No longer does one see small boys with .22 rifles roaming towns and countryside shooting whatever small game they could find. This is a change for the better. Nevertheless, the recreational habits of small boys 50 or 100 years ago are as much a part of the cultural history of Delmarva as skipjacks and duck blinds.

During the long hot summer days, when I was growing up in Princess Anne, there was little in the way of organized activities for young people. Along with my friend John Roberts, who was about my age, I would sometimes swim in the jellyfish-infested waters of the Wicomico at Mount Vernon or in the murky, tepid waters of Wicomico Creek. The few times when we camped out for the night, we spent our time fighting off mosquitoes and biting flies. On one occasion, when we camped at the edge of Manokin Creek, rumrunners unloaded their cargo during the night right next to our tent.

Much of our energy was spent in conducting a campaign against what we considered to be birds that were harmful to agriculture and/or in the welfare of beneficial birds like robins. We built up a stock pile of arms and ammunition and launched our campaign. We carefully compiled a list of victims shot. The grand total as of September 1935 was as follows:

House sparrows	346
Blackbirds	118
Starlings	44
Pigeons	26

Today people are not aware of the overwhelming abundance of the house sparrow 65 years ago. Introduced to this country around 1850, the house sparrow proliferated in numbers to the extent where it was the most abundant bird. Highly destructive of nests of other birds and agriculture, it was a prime target for us boys. We even shot house sparrows on wires in

downtown Princess Anne—something that would hardly be tolerated today!

Under the heading of "blackbirds" were red-winged blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles (crow blackbirds). Huge flocks of these birds would descend upon the fields in the fall, feeding on waste grain. The blackbirds probably do more good than harm. They are still with us in large numbers today.

The starling, like the house sparrow, was introduced from Europe. Since its arrival in 1890 it has spread all over North America. Although largely beneficial in its feeding habits, it usurps the nests of other birds and has had a devastating effect upon the bluebird and other cavity nesters.

The pigeon (or domestic pigeon) is another European. Taking to the wild, it is harmful to grain crops, and in towns and cities, white-washes buildings, stops up gutters with its nests, and its droppings, if removed and particles get into the air, may be harmful to human health.

In a way, carrying on the tradition established by us boys, were pigeon shoots conducted by adults in downtown Princess Anne early on Sunday mornings. As explained to me by Judge Patrick R. Hayman, he and other members of the judicial community would gather on streets below the courthouse and blast away at pigeons on the courthouse roof. Bodies of dead pigeons were removed but not eaten. Back then Pat was a lawyer.

Having access to grain from storage facilities along the railroad tracks, the pigeon population was much larger than it is today. Up until recently, pigeons roosting on gutters of the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Princess Anne left piles of droppings on the ground below. Wire screen netting had to be placed around openings in the belfry to keep out the pigeons.

It is doubtful if shooting had much effect upon the populations of the birds mentioned. Such factors as disease and limited food supply have been far more important in bringing numbers under control. But for small boys, and, more recently, adults, shooting has been a source of recreation.

Nabb Research Center member John Dennis turned his childhood interest in birds into a lifelong vocation becoming a nationally recognized ornithologist and naturalist. A resident of Princess Anne, Dennis is the author of the Dennis family history, *The Dennises of Beverly and Their Kin.*

Small's Civil War Research

Governor Parris Glendening recently appointed Dr. Clara L. Small, professor of history at Salisbury University and a member of the board of directors of the Nabb Research Center, to the Commission to Coordinate the Study, Commemoration and Impact of Slavery's History and Legacy in Maryland. The purpose of the commission is to network museum and other sources relative to the history of slavery; to develop initiatives to educate Maryland youth; to acquire money to protect and monitor historic sites; to keep the state informed on the latest research; to support educational programs relating to slavery; and to collaborate with private and public tourist agencies.

The function of the commission is consistent with the research in which Small is presently engaged. She is researching the history of African-Americans in the region for the purpose of writing a history of African-Americans on Delmarva. The segment in which she is presently engaged involves free blacks and slaves from Worcester, Somerset, Talbot and Dorchester counties and their roles in the Civil War. The purpose of the research is to provide a demographic picture of slavery by identifying and examining the following topics: the names of free blacks and slaves who served in the regiments and companies of the U.S. Colored Troops; their dates of enlistment; the dates they received their enlistment bounties and the amounts; the identification of their owners by districts and counties; the dates slaveowners received compensation for enlisting their slaves; the battles in which free blacks and slaves served; and whether they survived, were wounded or died in battle. All other pertinent data will be included in order to present a demographic analysis of slavery from the "bottom up" on the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland. The final product will also aid history buffs, researchers, genealogists, and the descendants of former slaves and free blacks in tracing their ancestry.

Small is currently working on a history of African-Americans on the Eastern Shore utilizing oral history, official documents and other sources. She is the author of the book *Reality Check: Brief Biographies of African-Americans on Delmarva.*

BOOK REVIEW

Over the Threshold: Intimate Violence in Early America

Over the Threshold: Intimate Violence in Early America, edited by Christine Daniels and Michael V. Kennedy, is a collection of essays on the history of household violence in colonial America and the United States from the mid-17th century through the Civil War. Over the last two decades, historians have turned to intimate violence as a context for the study of social and cultural history. The essays in *Over the Threshold* cover a wide range of topics from infanticide in the mid-Atlantic and family violence on Baltimore's waterfront to domestic violence on the Michigan frontier and brutal slave plantations in Jamaica.

The term "intimate violence" encompasses different types of domestic abuse. The authors looked at violence within families, including that between husbands, wives and children. In the historical framework intimate violence also extended to the relations between masters and slaves and masters and servants. Throughout the anthology, the authors found that the economic and social growth of the country shaped domestic violence. Household abuse also had a geographic and spatial context. For example, the pressure of frontier living in Michigan resembled that in Jamaica; thus, these two disparate places had similarly brutal violence patterns. Historians have previously recognized violence patterns in terms of "slave" versus "free" regions, but the editors of this work point out that this was an oversimplification of the complex and subtle differences between North and South.

Over the Threshold: Intimate Violence in Early America is a provocative work, but one that is very readable. It combines fascinating reading with in-depth historical scholarship. The book would be of interest to anyone who is studying domestic violence in early America.

Upcoming Events at the Nabb Research Center

September
On Tuesday, September 25, from 4-7 p.m., Nabb Research Center Archivist Becca Brooks will host a basic preservation workshop. The workshop will cover skills necessary for simple preservation of archival materials such as, photographs, documents and scrapbooks. The session is free and open to the public and promises to be of interest to professionals and amateurs alike.

October
The Nabb Research Center will host its first Family History Month Open House on Monday, October 8, from noon-7 p.m. Bring family Bibles, memorabilia and historical records for the Nabb Research Center staff to scan for inclusion in our digital archives. Enjoy light refreshments and conversation with fellow genealogists and history buffs. The event is free and open to the public. Be sure to stop by because you might find some long lost cousins!

November
Ned Heite of Heite Consulting will speak at the Nabb Research Center on Saturday, November 3, at 2 p.m. Heite's presentation, "Mitsawokett to Bloomsbury," will address the survival of Native American people in 17th and 18th century Delaware. This event is free and open to the public.

December
The Nabb Research Center invites our members to drop in for a cup of holiday tea on Wednesday, December 5, 1-4:30 p.m. During the month of December, in collaboration with Marie Cavallaro, SU associate professor of art, the Nabb Research Center will display teapots created in SU's ceramics class with historic teapots from the Eastern Shore. This display will explore the social, political, historical and artistic implications of tea in colonial America. The tea will celebrate the season with a colonial tea served throughout the afternoon.

January
The Nabb Research Center will be hosting a daylong genealogy workshop in January 2002. A definitive date will be announced shortly. Rebecca Miller and Dr. Ray Thompson will host a workshop on tips and tricks for researching your family history. The cost of the daylong session will be $50 per person and includes a catered luncheon. Anyone interested in attending the event should call the Nabb Research Center for a reservation as space is limited. Members will receive their discount.

Mark Your Calendars Now for Fall 2002
On September 20-21, 2002, the Nabb Research Center and the Lower Delmarva Genealogical Society will co-host the seminar "Researching and Searching Delmarva." The Maryland Genealogical Society is sponsoring the seminar, which will be held at Salisbury University. Watch for more details in future newsletters or on our Web site at http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu.

Preservation Month

In recognition of Historic Preservation Month the Nabb Research Center hosted a program on Wednesday, May 1. Dr. Donald Singleton, professor of communication arts at Salisbury University and the resident caretaker of Long Hill in Wicomico County, spoke on "Restoration of Long Hill: the Original Dashiell Plantation."

Long Hill, built in the mid-1700s, is currently owned by Donald and Ingrid Graham who have restored the home to its original state. The restoration has been done in several stages, including the removal of the 1800 addition which abutted the main house. On the wall of the main house was the outline of the original hyphen, or center connecting passageway, which has been restored.

Singleton used the inventory of James Dashiell, dated 1697, and the inventory of Alexander Stewart, who married a Dashiell, dated 1810, to compare and contrast the wealth of these families. He explained how the concept of wealth evolved over time and how in the post-Revolutionary era individuals had access to more material goods.

The Grahams received the 2001 Preservation Award from Preservation Trust of Wicomico County at their annual gala in May 2001. Long Hill is now a private residence and is not open to the public.

What's New?

- Look for a new format in upcoming *Shoreline* newsletters. Beginning in January, 2002, the newsletter will change to a monthly format. Members will also receive two "bonus" newsletters each year packed with information on the history of Delmarva and its families.
- Effective July 1, Salisbury State University became Salisbury University. Consequently, our new Web address is http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu and our e-mail address is rcdhac@salisbury.edu. Memberships, settler sponsorships, donations and other monies for the Nabb Research Center should be made payable to Salisbury University Foundation Inc. and sent to the Nabb Research Center.
- We are now selling Nabb Research Center tote bags. The bags are available for $12 each.

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